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## SPECIAL STATUS INQUIRY

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## Commissioner:

This is to inquire as to the status of the above-identified patent application. I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Attention is directed to 37 CFR §1.176, Examination of Reissue. As provided therein, an application for reissue shall be acted on by the Examiner in advance of other applications.

To the same effect is MPEP §1442. In part it reads: "All reissue applications, except those under suspension because of litigation, will be taken up for action ahead of other 'special' applications; this means that all issues not deferred will be treated and responded to immediately."

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This application was amended on October 3, 2005. To date there has been no response to that amendment. Early action on the amendment is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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